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107TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION**S. 1227****[Report No. 107-668]**

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 4, 2002

Referred to the Committee on Resources

SEPTEMBER 23, 2002

Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union
and ordered to be printed

AN ACT

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of the suitability and feasibility of establishing the Niagara Falls National Heritage Area in the State of New York, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Niagara Falls National
5 Heritage Area Study Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

1 (1) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
2 the Secretary of the Interior.

3 (2) STUDY AREA.—The term “study area”
4 means lands in Niagara County, New York, along
5 and in the vicinity of the Niagara River.

6 **SEC. 3. NIAGARA FALLS NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA STUDY.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall conduct a
8 study of the suitability and feasibility of establishing a
9 heritage area in the State of New York to be known as
10 the “Niagara Falls National Heritage Area”.

11 (b) ANALYSES AND DOCUMENTATION.—The study
12 shall include analysis and documentation of whether the
13 study area—

14 (1) contains an assemblage of natural, histor-
15 ical, scenic, and cultural resources that represent
16 distinctive aspects of the heritage of the United
17 States that—

18 (A) are worthy of recognition, conserva-
19 tion, interpretation, and continued use; and

20 (B) would best be managed—

21 (i) through partnerships among public
22 and private entities; and

23 (ii) by combining diverse and some-
24 times noncontiguous resources and active
25 communities;

1 (2) reflects traditions, customs, beliefs, and
2 folklife that are a valuable part of the story of the
3 United States;

4 (3) provides outstanding opportunities to con-
5 serve natural, historical, scenic, or cultural features;

6 (4) provides outstanding recreational and edu-
7 cational opportunities;

8 (5) contains resources important to the identi-
9 fied theme of the study area that retain a degree of
10 integrity capable of supporting interpretation;

11 (6) includes residents, business interests, non-
12 profit organizations, and State and local govern-
13 ments that—

14 (A) are involved in planning a national
15 heritage area;

16 (B) have developed a conceptual financial
17 plan for a national heritage area that outlines
18 the roles for all participants, including the Fed-
19 eral Government; and

20 (C) have demonstrated support for the
21 concept of a national heritage area;

22 (7) has a potential management entity to work
23 in partnership with residents, business interests,
24 nonprofit organizations, and State and local govern-
25 ments to develop a national heritage area consistent

1 with continued State and local economic activity;
2 and

3 (8) has a conceptual boundary map that is sup-
4 ported by the public.

5 (c) CONSULTATION.—In conducting the study, the
6 Secretary shall consult with—

7 (1) State and local agencies; and

8 (2) interested organizations within the study
9 area.

10 (d) REPORT.—Not later than 3 fiscal years after the
11 date on which funds are made available to carry out this
12 Act, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Re-
13 sources of the House of Representatives and the Com-
14 mittee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate
15 a report that describes the findings, conclusions, and rec-
16 ommendations of the study under subsection (a).

17 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

18 There is authorized to be appropriated \$300,000 to
19 carry out this Act.

Passed the Senate August 1, 2002.

Attest:

JERI THOMSON,

Secretary.

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